

## Anne Arundel County Fire Department Safe Station Checklist

- Notify Fire Alarm of a Safe Station case and the unit handling. Fire Alarm will create an incident and assign the unit handling to the incident.
- Notify the appropriate Battalion Chief and EMS Supervisor. This can be accomplished by station personnel or by requesting Fire Alarm to make the notifications.
- Determine if the individual has any weapons or illegal substances in their possession that may harm us or themselves. If so, notify AAPD to respond and take custody of the items.
- Ask the individual if they have any medical conditions that require treatment and transport. Ask if they would like transport to a hospital. Does the individual present with any medical concerns that indicate medical transportation? If the decision to transport is made, complete an assessment and start a stat pad like any other medial patient encountered.

Note: If treatment and transport to a medical facility is required, request (through Fire Alarm or Phone) that the Mobile Response Crisis Team meet the individual at the hospital.

- Explain to the individual (and family members) how the SAFE STATION program works and the Fire Department's role:
  - 1. The Fire Department's role is to provide a safe environment for people to come and request assistance with an opioid addiction. We do not provide any direct treatment or counseling, however, we will transport the individual to a hospital if they require immediate medical treatment or if they request treatment at a hospital. We do not transport the individual to an addiction treatment facility.
  - 2. We will notify the Anne Arundel County Mobile Crisis Response Team to respond. The Team consists of trained mental health professionals that conduct an assessment of the patient and determine the best course of treatment for their individual circumstances.
  - 3. Advise the family that two members of the Fire Department will remain with them until the Mobile Crisis Intervention Team arrives.

- 4. Advise the family that we will provide them with an estimated ETA of the Mobile Crisis Intervention Team once it is provided to us by the team.
- Notify the Mobile Crisis Response Team Warmline of a Safe Station case. This is the responsibility of the station, not Fire Alarm.

Note: The standard practice has been that the Mobile Crisis Team representative will want to speak directly to the individual on the phone to obtain additional information.

## **CRISIS RESPONSE WARMLINE**

At no time shall the individual be left alone in the station.

Informational Only - (Clarification of Safe Station Policy)

1. There is mis-information that the Mobile Crisis Team has stated that if the individual has used drugs within the last 30-60 minutes, they should be transported to a hospital. This is not true.